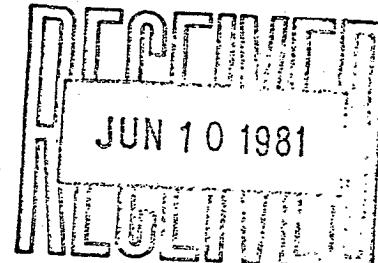


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Robert C. Hockett, Ph. D.
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Dear Dr. Hockett:

I am a member of the Geographic (Tropical) Medicine Division at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. For the past two years I have been involved in the study of a very important tropical pathogen, Leishmania donovani. Despite the fact that L. donovani causes severe morbidity and mortality in many areas of the developing world, little is known about its pathophysiology. I have been studying the interaction between human host defense mechanisms and the parasite in hopes of finding an effective form of immunoprophylaxis against infection.

As you know, it has become increasingly difficult to obtain funds for research on diseases not common in the United States. I am writing to determine if you would consider funding a project in leishmaniasis. If you desire additional information, please let me know. I would appreciate the opportunity to talk with you in greater detail.

Enclosed is a brief description of 1) the problem for which support is requested, 2) general plan of investigation, 3) anticipated duration, 4) anticipated cost, and 5) a copy of my curriculum vitae with relevant publications, abstracts, and manuscripts.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure